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LETTER IN RESPONSE TO DECISION DENYING CORRECTION
SUBMITTED IN A REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION

Sir:

Patentees have received from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office a paper mailed October 19, 2006, regarding Patentees' Request for a Certificate of Correction filed on August 28, 2006. Specifically, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office paper has denied one of Patentees' corrections, namely, that Japanese patent document number [56] JP 2-72687 A 3/1990 be added onto the cover page of the patent. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office paper states that the Japanese document was never cited by Applicant. While this statement may be true, that

Japanese document was cited by the Examiner in an attachment to an Official Action dated November 6, 2003. Accordingly, that Japanese document should be added to onto the cover page of the subject patent for this reason.

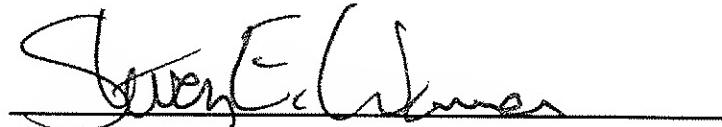
For the foregoing reasons, Patentees request favorable reconsideration and granting of their Request for Certificate of Correction in its entirety.

Accordingly, Patentees request that the citation of Japanese patent document number [56] JP 2-72687 A 3/1990 be issued in a Certificate of Correction for the above-identified patent to correct this error.

Patentees believe no fee is due for filing this paper. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 06-1205 should any fee be deemed required.

Patentees' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. Office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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